

[26th August 1925]

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Sir, with reference to clauses (a) and (b), not only in issuing summonses to the members of the depressed classes is such objectionable language being used, but also in calling the names of the members of the depressed classes before the Court. The Court duffadar or peon uses the objectionable word before the name of the member of the depressed classes. May I respectfully request the hon. Member in charge to kindly call for the information or a report from the Sub-Magistrate of that place? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I am prepared to go further; I am prepared to issue instructions that the duffadar should not do so."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I am in a difficulty in regard to this matter. I have to distinguish between two sub-sects of the depressed classes, and then it is inevitable that I should use the words 'Mala' or 'Madiga'."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" The word used here is only 'Parian', and it was only with regard to that that I was answering."

Honorary Magistrates.

Election of a member of the depressed classes to the Vadakarai Village Panchayat Court.

* 445 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any member belonging to the depressed classes was duly elected to the Vadakarai Village Panchayat Court during the election which took place on 30th July 1924 in the Vadakarai village, Gudiyattam taluk, North Arcot district;

(b) whether a copy of the resolution, dated 24th May 1925, of the Vadakarai Adi Dravida Conference has been received by the Government requesting them to exclude the depressed classes from the operation of the Panchayat Court;

(c) whether it is a fact that no announcement was made among the depressed classes regarding the date of election of members to this Panchayat Court which took place on 30th July 1924; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Announcement of the intended election was duly made by beat of tom-tom in the portion of the village occupied by members of the depressed classes and a few Adi-Dravidas attended the election.

(d) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Sir, with reference to clause (a), I have got with me a mahazar submitted by the members of the depressed classes living in that village wherein it is stated that when they went to take part in election for the panchayat court they were actively prevented, abused and driven out by the caste people living in that locality in the presence of the then tahsildar who was conducting the election. May I therefore now request the hon. Member in charge to kindly call for a report so as to put a stop to similar unhappy incidents or occurrences? "

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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ As stated in the answer, the resolution was not received. Apparently the copy of the resolution must have been mislaid in the Post office or somewhere else *en route*. But now that the hon. Member has made a responsible statement, I shall cause inquiries to be made as to whether the depressed classes were actually excluded in the manner alleged.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Thank you, Sir. I have no objection to hand over this mahazar to the hon. Member later on.”

Irrigation.

Baling cases in the channels of the Periyar system.

* 446 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether in cases where baling is allowed as a matter of practice in Periyar system, any penal assessment or any special rate is imposed ;

(b) if so, on what basis the assessment is raised ;

(c) whether the theory mentioned in connexion with the supplementary question to question No. 111, dated 5th February 1925, has been investigated by the Chief Engineer ; and

(d) the number of baling cases in the different channels of the Periyar system including Tenkasi channel ?

A.—(a) & (b) All irrigation of dry lands whether by baling or not requires permission ; and if it is allowed, no penal assessment is charged—the charge is three-fourths of the ordinary water-rate.

(c) The Chief Engineer is still awaiting a report from the Superintending Engineer.

(d) 72.

Deputy Collectors.

Special Deputy Collectors to try revenue suits.

* 447 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) on how many occasions Special Deputy Collectors have been appointed to try revenue suits from the year 1915 to 1924 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that all these officers were appointed to help only I.C.S. officers in charge of Revenue divisions ; and

(c) whether any one of these Deputy Collectors at any time helped as a matter of fact any Deputy Collectors in charge of Revenue divisions and, if so, how many and in what years ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Additional Deputy Collectors for the disposal of revenue suits are usually appointed with reference to the amount of such work in a district as a whole rather than in a particular division. The indexes therefore show only the districts where such officers are appointed ; and to compile the